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## MOUNTAINAIR GREAT CROP PRODUCER

(By a Mountainair Farmer)

Mountainair, N. M., March 6.—For several years Mountainair has been noted for its production of farm crops and more especially pinto beans. Prior to the year 1910 it was not thought practical to engage in farming as a livelihood in the district then known as the Estancia Valley. Old settlers who were engaged in sheep raising not inclined to try it out because they could make good with stock raising on the open range, and there was plenty of the range, and naturally no one believed there was a possibility of success in agriculture.

The tide of immigration flowed westward, people commenced to settle on the fine fertile land and farming was tried out. Crops were planted in greater or smaller amounts in most all sections of the valley.

Practically all of the efforts failed for one cause or another.

Most all those who had settled above a certain altitude, the dividing line which separates the area of possible from impossible farming in Torrance County—have made more or less a success. But there was no market and no faith in the country so many left. There were few to tell the tale, but those few were the more fortunate, because it did not take many years to see that farming was not only possible but practical and profitable in this section.

Since those early days in Torrance county the people have learned the conditions and have adapted themselves to them. They have found to their sorrow that parts of the Estancia Valley are agricultural failures, and that other parts offer the very cream of natural conditions perfectly adapted to farming. The parts unsuited and too dry have been abandoned and now all good good farmers in the valley know where the "deadline" is, and stay on the right side. It is only fair to the public to mention this peculiarity of the Estancia Valley. There are areas "impossible" and areas very valuable.

The most valuable agricultural areas, it will be found, lie above the altitude of 6000 feet and along the gentle slopes adjacent to and among the foothills of the Manzano Mountains.

Here are to be found busy and contented farmers quietly laying the foundations of a very prosperous and happy future.

The soil and climate almost fulfill the ideal of the proverbial "Promised Land."

The soil itself is next to perfection, being very fertile, smooth, and free from objectionable features found in most such soils, such as stones, sprouts, gulls, etc.

The climate is not only very pleasant to live in, but is very healthful. Many who come here with ill health become well and robust.

Mountainair is situated in the center of the very best farming section of Torrance County.

To get a correct idea of Mountainair and its resource one must see it, surrounded by miles of agricultural land, east, west, north, and south, which is equally as profitable as any farm land in Kansas, Iowa, or Illinois, but only needs the application of the right methods to make it bring forth abundance.

One man can raise as much corn here as one man can raise in any corn country, and although Mountainair does not make a specialty of corn, it has a considerable surplus of corn this year, and could ship corn every year if it tried.

The raising of wheat is young here yet but the yield is often more than 30 bushels per acre. Rye is a sure crop as well as oats, millet and sorghum are paying crops. Vegetables do well here under irrigation, and this is done from the well in the driest seasons, but often the rainfall is sufficient without irrigating.

All the above mentioned crops will pay well, but the best paying crop is pinto beans.

Pinto beans are so well adapted to both soil and climate, and being a non-perishable product, and in strong demand at reasonable prices, in cash, the farmers naturally take to raising that crop.

At six cents per pound, many fields this past season 1919, have yielded \$75 per acre and one man can easily cultivate 100 acres.

Men who came here only a few years ago are wealthy now, and they have gained their wealth in the bean fields. Investors do not know the real value of the Mountainair land or the price would be double today.

The area that is so valuable is not great, and the demand is increasing and the man who buys now will be the winner.

The writer is not a real estate agent, but only one who has observed the conditions and weighed the evidence and relying on the average conditions as to climate for the past 10 or 15 years is now convinced that an investment in farm land adjacent to Mountainair at present prices is one of the best, if not the best, in the whole country.

Finally, I wish to say that Mountainair invites you to inspect its resources and the possibility of development.

There is a great reward here for the right kind of effort. Try it.

### BUYS MESA LAND

Joseph M. Jackson last Saturday closed a deal whereby he purchased from the heirs of Daniel C. Bruce a half section of land in the Cedar Grove district—the old Bruce homestead. This is a good tract for a home and Mr. Jackson will no doubt make it a real home. The consideration was \$3500.00.

### MAIL ROUTE NO. 2 INITIATED ON TUESDAY

The new Rural Route, running north from Mountainair, by way of Cuari to Manzano and return through the Pleasant View district was initiated on Tuesday of this week, Juan Castillo, the carrier, making his first trip. It is important that all patrons of the route get their boxes up with their names plainly marked thereon, as otherwise the carrier is not obligated to place the mail therein.

### MARRIED IN ALBUQUERQUE THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Jason C. Williams returned to Mountainair last Saturday morning from Albuquerque where they had been married on Thursday. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Jackson, a sister of the groom. Mr. Williams has purchased a home in Mountainair, which he is fitting up for his bride.

The groom is the youngest son of J. R. Williams, and spent some time overseas, as sergeant in motor supply train No. 424, A. E. F. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garvin of Estancia, and has been popular with the younger set.

### GET THIS IDEA

If the bean dealers of New Mexico do not work out a plan that will give the farmers a fair profit for growing beans, it will be only a matter of a short time until the farmers will be compelled to quit raising beans and the warehouses will be empty and the dealers out of a job.

Why not be sensible instead of greedy? Establish a condition in the bean market that will give the grower a living and give the consumer the goods at a price that they can afford to pay, else the people will quit buying and the industry which could be so prosperous will die. Think it over.—By a Bean Grower.

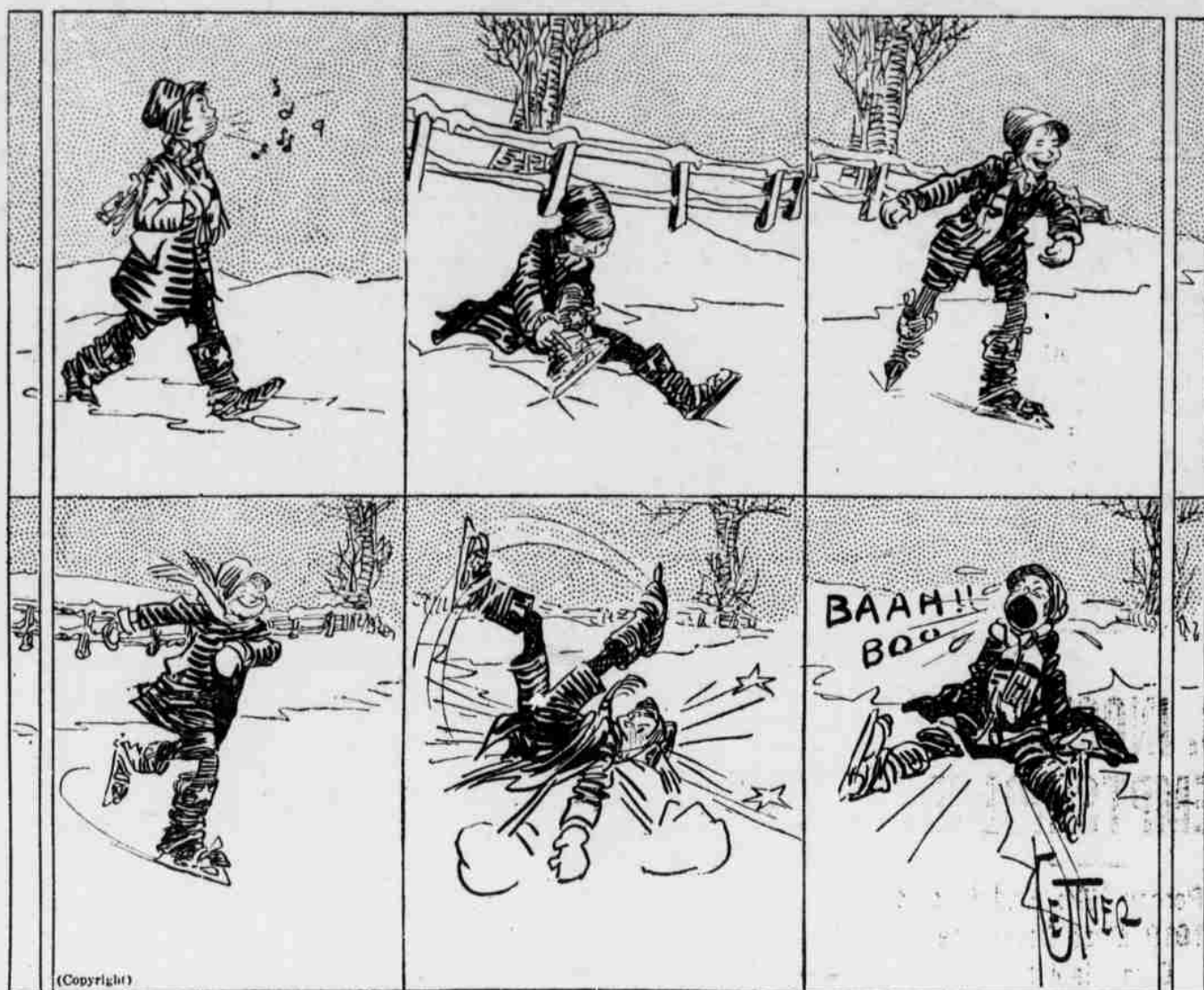
### IMPROVING TELEPHONE LINE

J. B. Fish, manager of the Estancia Telephone Company, has had workmen busy last week and this setting new poles for the line in Mountainair. The lines are being placed in the alleys, and all poles will be removed from the streets, except where necessary to cross from one block to the next. No poles will be set within twenty-five feet of the main streets even on the cross streets.

So that the complaint that the streets are cluttered up with poles, will not hold.

"Come right away, doctor," screamed Mrs. Snubner over the phone. "Willie is awful sick. He can't stand; he can't sit; he can't lie down; he—" "I'll be right over and tell Willie to get up until I get there," replied the doctor.

## The End of a Perfect Day



### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

State of New Mexico, State Corporation Commission of New Mexico  
CERTIFICATE OF COMPARISON  
United States of America,  
State of New Mexico—ss.

It is Hereby Certified, that the annexed is a full, true and complete transcript of the Certificate of Incorporation of

MOUNTAINAIR FARMERS EXCHANGE  
(No Stockholders' Liability)  
(No. 10424)

with the endorsements thereon, as same appears on file and of record in the office of the State Corporation Commission.

In Testimony Whereof, the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico has caused this certificate to be signed by its Chairman and the Seal of said Commission, to be affixed at the City of Santa Fe on this 10th day of March 1920.

HUGH H. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman.

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of Mountainair Farmers Exchange

(No Stockholders' Liability)  
This is to certify that the undersigned her-by associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the Laws of the State of New Mexico, regulating the formation and government of corporations with all powers, rights and privileges, not expressly forbidden by law.

It is certified that:  
1. The name of the said corporation shall be the Mountainair Farmers Exchange, no Stockholders' Liability; The location of its principal office shall be at Mountainair, Torrance County, New Mexico, and Ira C. Bruce is designated as the statutory agent therein, in charge thereof, and upon whom process against the corporation may be served.

2. The object for which said corporation is formed are to buy, sell, acquire, trade and deal in groceries, dry goods, notions, clothing, shoes, glassware, queensware, fruit, vegetables, farming implements, tools, machinery and supplies, feed, hay, grain, lumber, building material, hardware, coal, furniture of all kinds, in short everything and anything grown by the farmers or used or needed by them; to borrow money and execute notes, bonds, mortgages or deeds of trust to secure the same; to buy, sell, acquire, mortgage or hypothecate lands and town property; to build, erect, equip, construct and improve storerooms, ware houses and business houses to generally execute and enter into all kinds and every character of contract; and in general to deal in and carry on any and all kinds of business concerned in or related to the dealing in general merchandise of all kinds both wholesale and retail.

3. The total authorized capital stock of this corporation shall be twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars, divided into eight hundred (800) shares of the par value of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per share and the amount with which said corporation shall commence business shall be five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars subscribed by the incorporators hereof as follows:

Name Amount No. shares  
J. A. Cooper \$1000.00 40  
Ira C. Bruce 1000.00 40

T. N. Hollon 1000.00 40  
Chas. A. Noble 1000.00 40  
L. A. Williams 1000.00 40

4. That the term for which the said corporation shall exist shall be fifty years.

5. The board of directors shall consist of the following five members who shall act until their successors are duly elected:

J. A. Cooper, Mountainair, N. M.  
Chas. A. Noble, Mountainair, N. M.  
Ira C. Bruce, Mountainair, N. M.  
T. N. Hollon, Mountainair, N. M.  
L. A. Williams, Mountainair, N. M.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 4th day of March, 1920.

J. A. Cooper,  
Ira C. Bruce,  
Charles A. Noble,  
T. N. Hollon,  
L. A. Williams.

State of New Mexico, )  
( ss  
County of Torrance )

On this 4th day of March, 1920, before me personally appeared J. A. Cooper, Ira C. Bruce, T. N. Hollon, Chas. A. Noble, and L. A. Williams, all of Mountainair, N. M., to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and each of them acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year last above written.

P. A. SPECKMANN,  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires Dec. 6, 1920.

ENDORSED  
No. 10424  
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Certificate of Incorporation of

Mountainair Farmers Exchange  
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Filed in Office of State Corporation Commission of New Mexico  
Mar. 9, 1920 - 3 P. M.  
A. L. Morrison, Clerk.  
Compared JJO to EMA.

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It is Hereby Certified, that the annexed is a full, true and complete transcript of the Certificate of Stockholders' Non-Liability of

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In Testimony Whereof, the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico has caused this certificate to be signed by its Chairman and the seal of said Commission, to be affixed at the City of Santa Fe, on this 10th day of March, A. D. 1920.

HUGH H. WILLIAMS,  
Chairman.

Attest: A. L. Morrison, Clerk.

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(No Stockholders' Liability)  
Know all men by these Presents: That we, the undersigned incorporators and stockholders of the Mountainair Farmers Exchange of Mountainair, New Mexico, (No Stock-

holders Liability), a corporation formed and to be formed under the laws of the State of New Mexico, the articles of which have been this day subscribed and acknowledged by us, and the capital stock of which is Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars, Five thousand dollars of which has been subscribed, divided into two hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each, do hereby declare that there shall be no stockholders liability on account of any stock issued by the said corporation, and that all stockholders of the said corporation shall be exempt from all liability on account of any stock issued or held by them, except for the liability for the amount of the capital stock certified to have been paid, in property or cash, at the time of the commencement of business. The name of the statutory agent, upon whom process may be had is Ira C. Bruce, Mountainair, N. M.

In witness whereof, we the undersigned incorporators have hereunto set our hands and seals this 4th day of March, 1920.

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## HELD TO AWAIT ACTION OF GRAND JURY

On Monday morning Trinidad Griego plead guilty to having "obtained property under promise to work," and also "grand larceny" in the Justice Court of P. A. Speckmann, precinct No. 15, and was held to await action of the grand jury. Francisco Sanchez was discharged from the service of Uncle Sam last May and entered a contract to work for Sanchez, receiving a check for sixty dollars advance payment. Within a very short time Griego left the Sanchez farm taking with him a horse. He was apprehended at Abo just after he had taken the train for the west, evidently starting to make his getaway.

Failing to give the necessary bond, Griego was committed to the county jail to await action of the grand jury. Late Monday evening just as the sheriff was preparing to take Griego to Estancia, Juan Torres y Lujan appeared before the local justice and made complaint against the same defendant charging him with having broken into the house of the complainant and stealing a valise, silk dress, undershirt and coat. To this charge Griego plead guilty also, and was held to await action of the grand jury. The valise with the stolen articles was produced in court, and upon being opened showed the defendant's clothes, but underneath these were the garments alleged to have been taken from the home of Torres y Lujan, which he identified.

Some time ago Griego was before the court in another part of the county, on a similar charge, but the complaining witness failed to appear against him.

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occasion being in honor of Mack's 19th birthday. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Mr. Medders many more Happy Birthdays.

The people of this community were shocked to hear the news of the sudden death of Mrs. J. H. Williams, which occurred at her winter home at Petrolia, Texas, February 24th. Mrs. Williams will be sadly missed by her friends and neighbors as she was one of the pioneer homesteaders of this vicinity having lived here some ten years or more.

It is snowing this morning. L. T. Mitchell is pulling stumps on the G. E. Nix farm.

Mr. Bryan and wife spent last Saturday in Mountainair. School is going again after a few weeks rest on account of the Flu.

There will be an Egg-hunt at Center Point Easter Sunday. All come.

A. V. Fuller and family were shopping in Mountainair last Saturday.

W. J. Wyatt and wife have been visiting relatives at Roswell the past week.

J. T. Hodgkin and children of Round Mound visited his son, T. J. Hodgkin and family last Sunday.